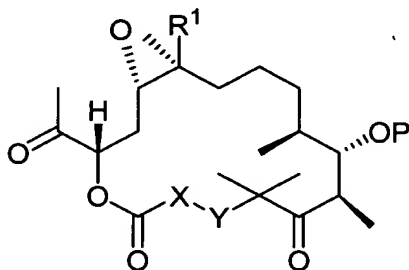


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-5, 7-14 and 22-24 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A compound of the formula:



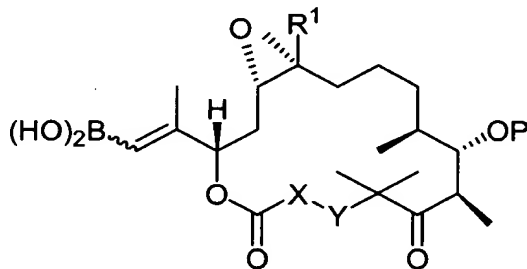
wherein

R^1 is a H atom or a C_1 - to C_8 -alkyl group,

X-Y is a group of the formula $-CH_2CH-OP$ or $-CH=CH-$, and

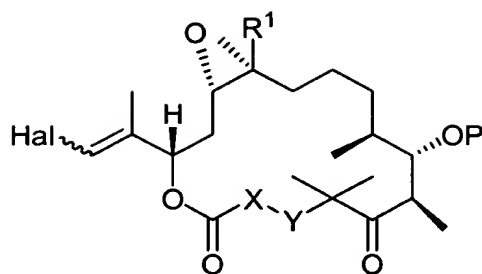
P is a protecting group.

2. (Amended) A compound of the formula:



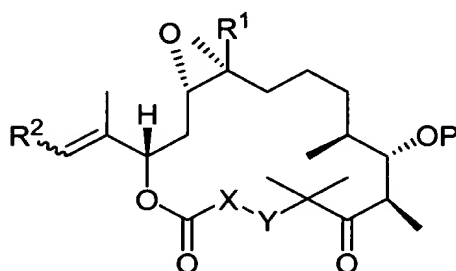
wherein the radicals are as defined in claim 1.

3. (Thrice Amended) A compound of formula:



wherein the residues R^1 , X-Y and P are defined as in claim 1, and Hal is a halogen.

4. (Twice Amended) A compound of the formula:

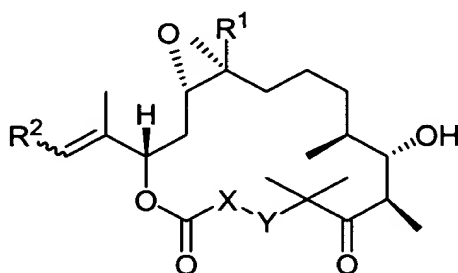


wherein the residue R^1 is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-8} -alkyl group, and P is a protective group and X-Y is a group of formula $-CH_2CH-OP$ or $CH=CH$, and R^2 is a monocyclic aromatic which can be substituted by a halogen atoms and/or OR^4 - and/or NR^5R^6 - and/or alkyl, alkenyl and/or alkynyl groups in ortho- and/or meta- and/or para-position, or a monocyclic 5- or 6-membered hetero aromatic, which can be provided with one or several O- and/or N- and/or S-atoms in the ring and/or which can be provided with OR^4 - and/or NR^5R^6 - and/or alkyl, alkenyl and/or alkynyl groups as substituents, wherein the residues R^4 , R^5 and R^6 independently are defined as R^1 in claim 1, but are independent of R^1 , wherein

(i) XY is excluded as group of formula $-CH=CH-$ if R^1 is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-4} -alkyl group and R^2 is a monocyclic hetero aromatic having a N atom or a N and a S atom in its ring and a C_1 -alkyl substituent and

(ii) XY is excluded as group of formula $-CH_2-CH-OP$ if R^1 is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-4} -alkyl group and R^2 is a monocyclic hetero aromatic having a N atom or a N and a S atom in its ring and a C_1 -alkyl substituent.

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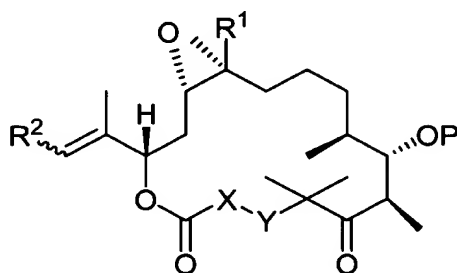
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8. (Amended) A compound as in claims 4, 5, 6, 7 or 22 wherein the monocyclic aromatic and monocyclic hetero aromatic, respectively, is provided with 1, 2 or 3 substituents and the hetero aromatic is provided with 1, 2 or more hetero atoms.

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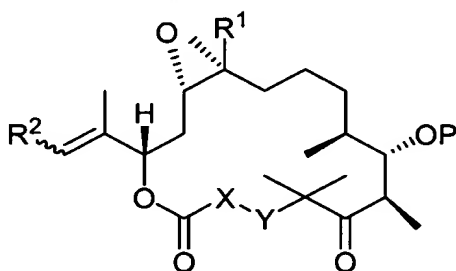
10. (Amended) Process for the production of a compound of claim 3, characterised in that a compound of claim 2 is reacted with N-iodo or N-bromo-succinimide and the radicals are as defined in one of the preceding claims.

11. (Amended) Process for the preparation of a compound of formula:



wherein a compound according to claim 2 is reacted by a Suzuki coupling with a compound of formula R^2-Z , wherein R^2 is a monocyclic aromatic which can be substituted by halogen atoms and/or OR^4 - and/or NR^5R^6 - and/or alkyl, alkenyl and/or alkynyl groups in ortho and/or meta- and/or para-position, or a monocyclic 5- or 6-membered hetero aromatic, which can be provided with one or several O- and/or N- and/or S-atoms in the ring and/or which can be provided with OR^4 - and/or NR^5R^6 - and/or alkyl, alkenyl and/or alkynyl groups as substituents and Z can be a halogen atom or a group of formula $-OSO_2CF_3$, $-CH=CHI$, $-CH=CHOSO_2CF_3$.

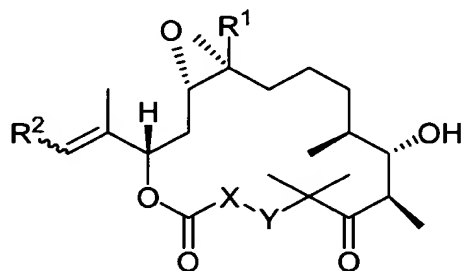
12. (Amended) Process for the preparation of a compound of formula:



wherein a compound according to claim 3 is reacted by a silent coupling (stille Kupplung) with R_2-SNR^3 , wherein R^2 is a monocyclic aromatic which can be substituted by halogen atoms and/or OR^4 - and/or NR^5R^6 - and/or alkyl, alkenyl and/or alkynyl groups in ortho-

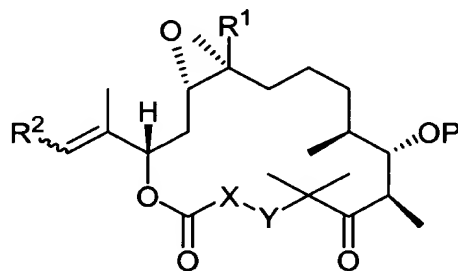
and/or meta- and/or para-position, or a monocyclic 5- or 6-membered hetero aromatic, which can be provided with one or several O- and/or N- and/or S-atoms in the ring and/or which can be provided with OR⁴- and/or NR⁵R⁶- and/or alkyl, alkenyl and/or alkynyl groups as substituents and R³ is a C₁₋₆-alkyl group.

13. (Twice Amended) Process for the preparation of a compound of formula:



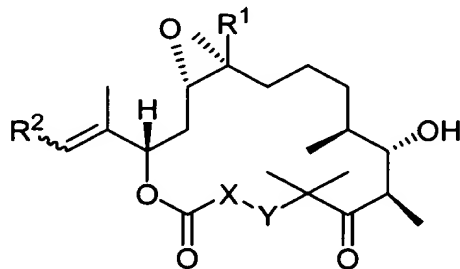
wherein the protective group is removed from a compound according to claim 4.

14. (Amended) Process for the preparation of a compound of formula:



wherein it comprises the process steps as disclosed in claims 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13.

22. (Twice Amended) A compound of formula:



wherein the residues are defined as in claim 4 and, if X-Y means a group of formula -CH₂CH-OP, the protective group P has been removed, wherein